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## **Rep. Hulsey Calls on Gov. Walker to Reject Racist Bill Attacking WI Native Americans—**

*Republican led Legislature endorses race based mascots and nicknames – continuing a pattern of discrimination and racism*

Madison, WI--Today Rep. Brett Hulsey (Madison-78) is calling on Governor Walker to reject AB 297 – “the American Indian Discrimination Act.” After a lengthy debate on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Republican-majority Assembly dismissed conscientious, meaningful, heartfelt and racist arguments made by many Democratic Assembly members.

“Sadly, this American Indian Discrimination Act is no process for discrimination a step backward for the civil rights and constitutional freedoms for Native Americans in Wisconsin,” said Rep. Hulsey.

This bill creates no jobs and is just the latest racist insult that the Legislature has considered. This bill hurts real job creators. The Bad River Band, St. Croix Band, Lac Courte Oreilles Band, Lac du Flambeau Band, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Menominee Nation, Mohican Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band, Oneida Tribe, and Red Cliff Band are either the largest or nearly the largest employers in their respective counties.

But this is just another racist attack by Scott Walker & this Republican-led Legislature. The Walker Strip Mine Bill, Gov. Walker refused to consult with the affected Bad River Tribe. The current Budget Bill made it more difficult for poor people to get food through the food Share program and also slashed health care for working people by kicking roughly 92,000 people off of Badgercare, and reduced funding for SeniorCare. They repealed the Driving While Black Legislation, passed in 2009, which analyzed information about race based motor-vehicle stops. They also attack women by repealing Wisconsin’s 2009 Equal Pay Enforcement Act and the 2011 Wisconsin Act protecting women from wage discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace, and by having the state intervene on their health care decisions that should left to a woman and her doctor.

“Governor Walker was at the Potawatomi Expo Center today to address minority and women business owners, it was the perfect venue to condemn this legislation and state that he would veto it,” Hulsey said. “That unfortunately did not happen.”

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